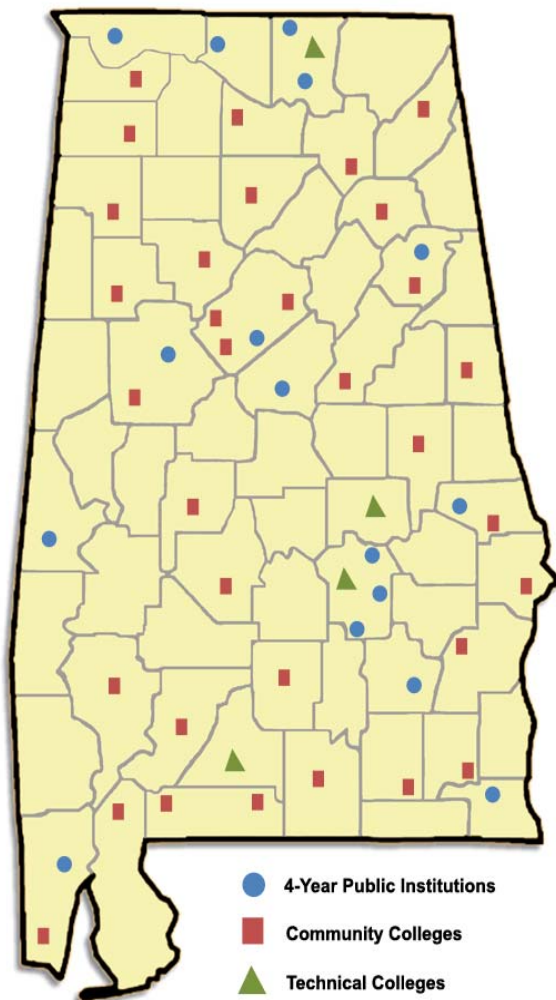
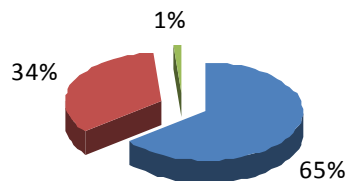


# Alabama Institutions



## Total Enrollment by Institution Type



■ 4-Year Public   ■ 2-Year Public   ■ 2-Year Technical



The executive director of the state's coordinating board for higher education is Gregory G. Fitch, Ph. D. He has been president of four colleges, including the founding of a multi-campus emphasizing the balance between workforce development and research. He has served as commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board and as executive director for the Idaho State Board of Education. A Viet Nam war veteran and former police officer, Fitch began his education career in 1974 as a public school teacher.

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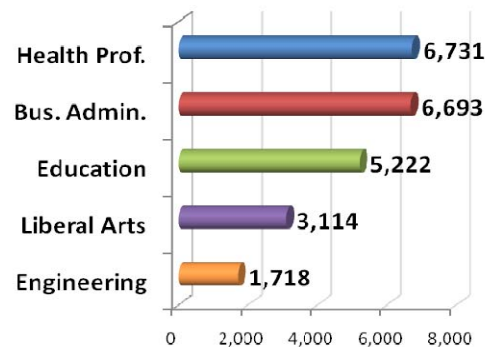
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## Mission Statement

- Provide reasonable access to quality education for the citizens of Alabama
- Administer various student aid programs
- Plan and coordinate higher education programs in Alabama
- Facilitate an informed decision-making policy regarding the needs of students and goals of institutions
- Provide a state-level framework for institutions to respond cooperatively to the needs of the citizens of the state
- **Legislative Initiatives**
  - ◊ Consolidation of licensing all private for-profit institutions
  - ◊ Put in place PK-20 council
  - ◊ Continue momentum of increasing needs-based student financial aid

### Professions — Top 5 Degrees Awarded in 2006-2007

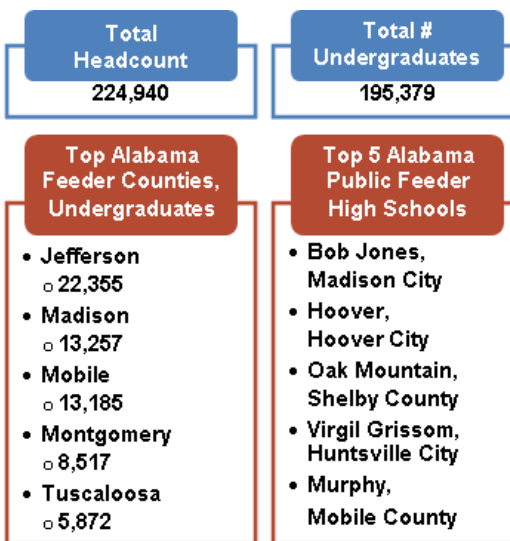


\* Total number of completions was 37,848

## ACHE Responsibilities

- Approve new academic programs, new units of instruction, and off-campus instruction
- Review and make recommendations concerning existing programs
- Facilitate coordination for higher education that utilizes institutional planning efforts to support a state-wide plan
- Prepare an annual Unified Budget Recommendation for the Governor and the Legislature
- Review institutional facilities masterplans and report to trustees and the Legislature
- Maintain an electronic student unit record system to provide instructional information and student data to assist in decision-making

### All Alabama Public Institutions 2007-2008



\* There are 40 public institutions in Alabama.

## ACHE Partnerships

- **SREB**
  - ◊ Education Technology Co-op
  - ◊ ACM/Electronic Campus Program
  - ◊ Regional Contract Program
  - ◊ Minority Doctoral Scholars Program
- **NAAL / Alabama Virtual Library** provides all students, teachers, and citizens of Alabama with online access to essential information and library resources
- **EPSCoR** is a cooperative university led effort to build a robust research infrastructure to stimulate national competitiveness, including the sponsorship and development of Alabama's next generation of scientists through the Graduate Research Scholars Program
- **AGSC** has developed and implemented a statewide general studies and articulation program that facilitates the transferability of coursework among all Alabama public colleges and universities
- **ASAP** provides financial assistance to Alabama residents for postsecondary education in the State of Alabama and is specifically designed to serve students in financial need

### Alabama Student Assistance Program State Appropriations Total

